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The Right-Honourable Joseph Clark
Minister of External Affairs
165-E, House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Mr. Clark,

I am writing to urge you to give some substance to our stated commitments to international law by giving active support to the people of East Timor in their struggle for self-determination.

Specifically, I hope that Canada will take a clear and unambiguous position at the current United Nations Human Rights Commission session in Geneva, and join with those countries pressing for urgent action.

The type of actions Indonesia has undertaken in East Timor represent brutal colonialism at its worst and it shames us as a country to not be actively pursuing justice in every way we can.

I look forward to your early response, including an outline of the Canadian position and strategy at Geneva.

Sincerely,

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